

**Pebble Project Preliminary Final Environmental Impact Statement (PFEIS)
Briefing #1 of 2– March 4, 2020**

Purpose: Provide an update on EPA’s review of the PFEIS and summary of our key concerns. Second update will occur on March 18, 2020.

I. Major Milestones (Table 1)

Review Timeline	7/1/19	7/26/19	10/24/19	2/6/20	2/28/20	3/23/20	5/28/20	June 2020 (Tentative)	Mid 2020 (Tentative)
404 Public Notice	EPA and FWS submit 3(a) letters	FWS submitted 3(b) letter; EPA received 90-day extension for 3(b) letter	EPA received 127-day extension for 3(b) letter		EPA received 90-day extension for 3(b) letter		Deadline for 3(b) letter		
EIS Process	EPA submits 309 letter			PFEIS shared to cooperating agencies for 45-day review		PFEIS comments due to Corps		FEIS released	ROD

II. NEPA Coordination:

• **PFEIS Review:**

- The District has made some changes to the PFEIS based on our Draft EIS comments. A summary of current remaining key issues is provided in Table 2 (subject to revision).
- Cooperating agency comments on the PFEIS are to be submitted to the District in an excel table.
- We are developed and consolidating comments which will be distributed for internal management review on March 6 with a response requested by March 13.
- PFEIS comments are due to the District on March 23.

• **Background/Chronology:**

- 7/1/19: EPA submitted 309 letter to the District.
- 7/29/19 – 8/13/19: The District hosted five day-long technical workshops with cooperating agencies and the Pebble Limited Partnership (PLP).
- The District is regularly submitting Requests for Information to PLP to provide information to respond to comments and support EIS development.
- 11/1/2019: The District provided draft responses and some supporting information to our 309 comments.
- 11/18/19 – 11/22/19: The District conducted five day-long technical meetings with cooperating agencies with follow-up meetings on 12/16/19 (fish) and 1/14/20 (water).
- In December 2019, the District began conducting recurring bi-weekly teleconferences with cooperating agencies.
- Technical meetings with cooperating agencies are scheduled for 3/9 – 3/13/20

Table 2 – Summary of Key Issues based on PFEIS Review – Subject to Revision

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